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RE-PAROLE COOK

AGED MAN IN JAIL FOR ARSON, TO DAUGHTER.

MUST STAY IN OMAHA

Circuit Judge W. C. Ellison Again Grants Freedom to Burner of Son's Barn—Leaves Today.

Mary D. Cook, 78 years old and feeble, will leave the county jail shortly before 7 o'clock tonight, after a six weeks' imprisonment, to accompany his son-in-law, W. H. Snyder, to his home in Omaha, Neb., to whom he was paroled for the second time by Circuit Judge William C. Ellison this morning. But this man, nearly four-score years old, who confessed to having burned his son's barn for spite, must not leave the city limits of Omaha while under parole, unless accompanied by Snyder or Cook's daughter, Mrs. Snyder.

If ever Cook does absent himself from the Snyder family, it is ordered by the court that the parole will be revoked and Cook brought back here to finish serving his one-year sentence. George Moore and D. C. Cook went Cook's bond for \$100. Snyder will return with Cook over the Wabash tonight.

The plight of Cook is an interesting and a pitiable one. November 1 the barn of his son, George Cook, north-east of Graham, was burned.

Bloodhounds were obtained at Higlow and taken to where the barn stood. They picked up a trail at once which led direct to a room occupied by Cook in the Farmers hotel at Maitland. No arrest followed then, however.

Revoke First Parole.

Early the next morning Cook was found in an unconscious condition in his room. He had taken poison, but recovered after being at the point of death for hours.

He was subsequently arrested on complaint of his own son and brought here for trial. When his case was called he pleaded guilty to having burned his son's barn and said he spent the afternoon preceding the night he burned the barn at his wife's grave, near Graham.

After being sentenced to one-year's imprisonment, his friends and local attorneys secured a pardon for him, with \$100 security bond required. He was unable to give bond, though, and on complaint of some whom he is alleged to have threatened his parole was revoked only last week.

ATTENDS METHODIST MEET.

Dr. W. B. Christy, Alone, Goes to Worth Session—Two Others on the Program.

It is probable that Dr. W. B. Christy of this city, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church, alone will attend the semi-annual conference to be held at Worth today, tomorrow and Thursday. Dr. Christy left this morning and will preside at the three-days' session.

The Rev. G. S. Cox is on the program for an address tomorrow afternoon on "The Methodist Brotherhood," but this morning he announced that he did not intend to go to the conference. H. C. Bower, superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Methodist church here, also is on the program tomorrow night for an address on "The Organized Sunday School," but he will not attend the session, either.

One reason for a larger representation being impossible at the Worth conference, is through lack of convenient train service.

WILL AID CITY'S NEEDY

Philathea Class of Christian Church Plans Charity Meet Tonight.

A special meeting of the Philathea class of the First Christian church Sunday school will be held at 6 o'clock tonight in the Sunday school rooms to discuss plans for aiding Maryville's poor Christmas. It is intended to not only give food but also to make gifts of clothing to some of the needy families. The class numbers about seventy-five young women and girls of that church, and is one of the strongest in that school. Miss Bessie Porter is president.

ENGINEERS WILL MEET.

John H. Clary, County Official, to Attend State Session in Jefferson City.

John H. Clary, county highway engineer, expects to leave tonight for Jefferson City to attend the eighth annual meeting of the Highway Engineers association of Missouri, which begins there tomorrow morning and continues for two days. E. H. Balm, township trustee, and a good roads advocate of state-wide fame, had intended to go, but will be unable to attend, he announced this afternoon.

One of the important considerations of the engineers will be to get more adequate highway legislation from the state legislature, which convenes next month.

The social entertainment of the convention will consist of a visit to the new state capitol building now being erected, an auto ride over Jefferson City and a banquet Thursday night.

TEMPERATURE IS RISING.

Rises to 2 Above Zero This Morning, But "Raw" Wind Remains.

The cold snap of weather which hit Maryville Saturday night with the result that residents arose yesterday morning to find the mercury in their thermometers at 10 degrees below zero, is gradually giving way to a rising temperature. J. R. Brink, official weather recorder, reported this morning that the official bulb showed the lowest temperature to be 2 degrees above zero last night and this morning.

A "raw" wind from the northland continues to blow over Maryville today, however, which makes outdoor work and play rather unpleasant.

FINISH JURY TRIALS.

Circuit Court Adjourns Until Saturday—Send Two to State Prison.

Circuit court was adjourned this afternoon until Saturday morning, on account of Judge W. C. Ellison being called to St. Joseph to sit as a special judge tomorrow in a case there. The jurors were all discharged prior to adjournment this afternoon, all jury trials being completed for this, the September term. Court will probably adjourn next Tuesday until the regular January term begins, January 18, 1915.

Two persons were sentenced to serve sentences in the state penitentiary at the September term for violation of state laws. They were Daniel Taylor of Graham, for carnal knowledge, and Ned Holmes, for burglary and larceny. Taylor is still out on bond, pending disposition of his motion for a new trial.

Sue to Perfect Title.

A suit to perfect title to a farm in Nodaway county was filed in circuit court today by John W. aBrber against Joseph Washington Hays and John G. Hays.

Visit at Bedison.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Breedlove of this city visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Breedlove of Bedison.

SEEK 4-YEAR TERM

WILL ASK LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE PRESENT SYSTEM.

EFFECTS OFFICES HERE

Bill Would Double Prosecuting Attorney's Term and Put Sheriff on Salary Basis.

A bill to be introduced in the next session of the Missouri state legislature, which will convene at Jefferson City, on January 6, will extend the terms of the prosecuting attorney of Nodaway county and other counties of the state from two years to four years, and also put the sheriff's office on a salary basis and change it from a one-term office as it is now. This is the hope as we hear it.

Those who favor the measure argue that it cannot affect the term of the prosecuting attorney-elect, as he was elected for two years only, and that it would not become effective until January 1, 1917.

Two years is not long enough for a prosecuting attorney to work out a definite policy of reform, it is argued, and that to require him to incur the expense of another election after having served only two years is to impose an unnecessary hardship. Nearly all of the county offices are for four years.

Sheriff Can't Succeed Self. As it is now, Sheriff Wallace cannot succeed himself. This is according to a law passed a few years ago. Many contend that the fees of the sheriff's office should go to the county and that this office should be on a salary basis, just as the prosecuting attorney's office. Then it is pointed out that a sheriff should be entitled to succeed himself like the other county officers.

The office of prosecuting attorney is one of the best in the county, as a bill was passed at the last session of the legislature placing it on a salary instead of a fee office. The law takes effect January 1, and Prosecuting Attorney-elect William G. Sawyers will receive \$2,500 a year. Prosecuting Attorney Wright probably averaged \$1,200 a year for the two terms he was in office under the fee system.

TO ADVERTISE UNIVERSITY.

Nodaway County Students at State School to Show University Scenes on Slides.

The University Missourian of Columbia in Saturday's issue says: The Nodaway County club will advertise the university among the high school students of their county. They will visit the four towns that have four-year high schools, and the smaller high schools, eight in all. University scenes will be shown on slides, talks will be made and the Missouri songs sung.

An attempt is being made to get up a basketball team to play the teams in Nodaway county during the holidays.

The club will have a special Wabash sleeper to Maryville. This sleeper will leave Columbia at 9 o'clock Friday night, December 18. Any student who goes to northwest Missouri may go in this car.

Home from Indianapolis.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bell, who have been spending a few days in Indianapolis, Ind., returned home Tuesday morning.

GENERAL VON STEIN.

Quartermaster General Who Keeps German Army Supplied With Food.



Photo by American Press Association.

TEACH ODD FELLOWS TONIGHT

Grand Secretary, Benjamin Weidel, Instructs, Following Degree Work and Installation.

A school of instruction will be held by White Cloud lodge, No. 92, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows tonight, under the direction of Benjamin Weidel of St. Louis, grand secretary, and probably Grand Master O. L. Pritchett of St. Louis. The members of the lodge will be taught the secret work of the order, and in general the teachings of that fraternity.

The night also will mark the giving of preliminary degree work to a number of the later members of the lodge, most of whom have come into the lodge since the membership campaign was begun October 15, and which will close December 29. The work will consist entirely of conferring the initiatory and the first, second and third degrees.

Two new members also will be initiated tonight, bringing the total number entered since the membership campaign was begun to fifteen.

The school of instruction tonight is expected to draw a large crowd of Odd Fellows not only from Maryville but other towns in the county as well.

The L. O. O. F. lodges in Skidmore, Quitman, Barnard, Burlington Junction, Wilcox, Ravenwood and Pickering each plan to send a representation here tonight to attend the school of instruction and assist in the degree work.

IS UP TO EXPERTS

NOTE FOR \$88, GROWN TO \$202, IN COURT.

DENIES MAKING LOAN

Frank Black, Defendant, Denies He Signed Paper 20 Years Old—Interest Triples Amount.

A suit over collection on a promissory note for \$88 given in 1895, to draw 8 per cent interest until paid, and which now brings the total to over \$200, resulted in nine bankers of the county being called as witnesses in the trial of the case in circuit court today. The suit is that of Fred Woolridge, a Hopkins merchant, against Frank Black, a farmer of that part of the county.

The case went to the jury at 2 o'clock. It returned a verdict for Black after a half hour's deliberation. J. P. Dowden was foreman of the jury. Woolridge won by default when the suit came up in a Hopkins justice court several months ago. Black then appealed to circuit court. He maintains that he did not sign the promissory note in question, although it bears the signature "Frank Black." To determine whether the signature was made by Black was the purpose of the litigants in securing the opinion of the nine Nodaway county bankers.

Bankers Not Certain. But one of the bankers examined this morning vouched the opinion that the signature was that of Black. The others were not certain, but opined that it was not exactly like signatures on notes and papers given these banks by Black at various times.

Two payments on the note are alleged to have been made by Black, one being for \$3.75 and another for \$5. Black denies having made any payment. Bankers summoned as witnesses were: J. C. Pistole of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Hopkins. Charles E. Donlin of the Bank of Hopkins. Joseph Jackson, Sr., and James F. Colby of the First National bank of Maryville. James B. Robinson of the Nodaway Valley bank. E. E. Williams and George H. Baker of the Real Estate bank. W. C. Pierce and S. H. Kemp of the Farmers Trust company.

Settle Other Cases.

Disposition in other cases was made as follows. N. R. Shull against L. Kibler, appealed by Kibler from justice court; cause settled and suit dismissed. William G. McGeorge against Oscar Cox, appealed from justice court; judgment of that court for plaintiff for \$102.25 affirmed. A. O. Mason against G. P. Balm, replevin suit; plaintiff's motion for a new trial overruled and judgment for plaintiff for \$58 ordered as by previous finding. Lydia F. Weber against Charles Phillips, contract suit; continued by agreement.

Marriage Licenses.

Robert M. Darling, Red Oak, Ia., 26 Mrs. Grace M. Carlton, Red Oak, 25 John R. Yates, Burlington Jet., 20 Hazel E. Archer, Burlington Jet., 20

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

TO GIVE TO POOR

CHRISTIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL MAKE CHARITY GIFTS.

SEEK "GOOD FELLOWS"

Charity Board Asks Church, Schools, Individuals to Help Give City's Needy a Happy Christmas.

Few of the poor of Maryville—and it has few in the first place—will be forgotten on Christmas day if plans now under way by the charity board materialize, as it looks now they will. But it will not be a work alone for the few women comprising the charity organization. Individuals are being sought to act as "good fellows" or "Santa" for some needy child or family; churches and Sunday schools are asked to aid the cause with gifts and assistance, and school teachers will do their part with information as to those in need of aid.

One of the prime movers in the enterprise among the Sunday schools of the city is that of the Christian church. Nearly every class in that school agreed at last Sunday morning's session to give a certain amount of food or fuel to Maryville's needy.

One promised two tons of coal. Each boy in one class promised a sack of flour, another pledged one bushel of potatoes by each member, another a chicken each, and a class of girls pledged candy and nuts.

Need More "Good Fellows." But unless some charitably inclined persons of Maryville come to the board's aid within the next few days it is feared not all of the needy will receive as much fuel, clothing and food as the board would like to give, and which it feels they should have.

The call for "good fellows" is not being answered as heartily as the charity board members desire, as the organization has secured a list of about seventy boys, girls and families in need of the board's aid this Christmas.

Sell Red Cross Stamps.

Another move along the humane line that has met with ready response in Maryville the past few days is in the purchase of Red Cross seals for the reduction and prevention of tuberculosis. Prof. W. M. Westbrook, superintendent of city schools, chairman of the campaign here, announced this morning that virtually all of the 2,500 stamps secured by him for sale through the school children, had already been sold, and that the campaign will no doubt do much good in an educational way.

In speaking of the Red Cross seal campaign in Missouri, Dr. Walter McNab Miller of Columbia, secretary of the Missouri Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, had this to say:

"This Christmas seal campaign is not conducted primarily for the raising of funds as popularly thought, but rather is an educational campaign. It is our object to stimulate interest in the nation-wide crusade against tuberculosis."

"The campaign brings school work into an intimate, practical and co-operative relation to the welfare of a community. It makes every child who sells seals a life-saver and every school a life-saving station. Since the campaign was launched in Missouri the tuberculosis death rate has been reduced 1 1/2 per cent. Over nine hundred schools in the state are selling these seals."

Eighty per cent of the money received from a community reverts back to that community by carrying the fight against tuberculosis there. If the community has no systematic method for carrying on the work a visiting nurse is employed.

HORSE REARS; LOSES THUMB.

George Evans, Former Sheriff, Has First Finger Amputated When Torn.

As a result of a horse he was leading to suddenly pull back and rear, Sunday afternoon, George L. Evans, East Third street, and former sheriff of Nodaway county, is minus the thumb of his right hand. The finger was torn so that it was necessary to amputate it twice, the second time above the second joint.

Evans was returning from a pasture a short distance out of Maryville, and riding in a buggy with the horse, which belonged to his father-in-law, Lafayette Stamper, leading at the rear. The animal apparently became scared and tried to break away, pulling the halter rope so tightly against Evans' thumb as to tear the ligaments and flesh loose.

Hold Lock Funeral.

Funeral services for Dano Loch, who died at his home in Pickering Friday night, were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. S. T. Spearman of the Methodist church of Pickering conducted the funeral. Burial was in White Oak cemetery.

BAPTISTS FEAST ON RABBIT

Men's Bible Class Celebrates First Year's Growth—Prof. H. A. Miller Makes Address.

Forty rabbits, slaughtered yesterday by eight expert hunters of the First Baptist church, a host of other delicacies, and an hour's interesting address by Prof. Harry A. Miller marked the celebration last night at the Baptist church of the first year's growth of the Men's Bible class. The banquet was attended by about thirty-five men and five women of that church.

Prof. Miller made the only address. He took as his theme "The Manliness of Religion," and in it dwelt three elements entering into religion—truth, immortality and redemption.

The class has grown within the year from a membership of two men to 107 at present, and has done much toward strengthening the church proper. The class recently moved into its individual recitation room, which was added this month to the church.

"FACE TELLS A CHARACTER"

Methodist Pastor Explains How Features Are Molded by Human Acts.

The Rev. Gilbert S. Cox, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, preached upon the subject, "The Face of Jesus," at Sunday night's services, taking his theme from 11 Corinthians 4:6: "For God hath shined in the face of our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

In part, Mr. Cox said:

"The human face has ever been a source of wonder. John Milton sings of it, saying 'The human face divine.' Another writer describes a man by saying 'his face was like a benediction.' Shakespeare says of one, 'You have such a February face, so full of frost, of storm, of cloudiness.'"

"He also makes the features of the king's face the turning point in Hamlet's discovery of the murder of his father. He says, 'I'll observe his looks and if he but blench, I know my course.'"

"A man stood on the busy streets of the city and wrote what has always impressed us: 'Faces, faces. Crowding city street and places. Faces smooth with youth and beauty. Faces lined with age and care. O the story of the faces. Of the glad and weary faces. Of the faces everywhere.'"

"In spite of all the importance of the outward expression of good or evil every face may be a benediction. For we are the moulders of our faces. One of the most impressive old stories illustrating this is of Da Vinci's search for a face to serve as a model for the Christ in his famous masterpiece, 'The Last Supper.'"

"After finding a young man whose face answered the artist's ideal, there yet remained one whose face carried the traitor lines of a Judas. Years after the artist found a man in prison to pose for Judas, and it was the same man in both instances."

"If human faces reflect so much of meaning and possibility it is no wonder Paul said that the face of Jesus illuminated the knowledge of the glory of God."

"Luke says His face was a set face. He set His face to go to Jerusalem, the garden, the judgment hall, the cross, and the grave."

"A set face always reflects the glory of a high purpose and the will unswerving. Such a face was Daniel's, who said: 'I set my face unto the Lord.' Such was Luther's, who set his face toward the liberation of the intellect and heart of the church. Such was Grant's, who set his face toward victory."

"His face was a compassionate face. When Peter cursed and swore that he never knew Him, Jesus only looked at the denying disciple, and it was enough to cause bitter tears of repentance. When the soldiers would take Him, one look into His face was enough to win their love. When the mob followed Him into the garden and one of their number held up the lantern to His face, they all fell back in fear. Two ruffians attempted to take John Wesley, but when they saw His face they forgot their errand and were converted to Christ."

"His face was an illuminated face. After forty days upon the mountain with Jehovah, it was necessary for Moses to wear a veil over His face when speaking to the children of Israel. When Stephen sat before His accusers they said: 'He has a face as an angel.' On the mountain Jesus' face shone as the sun, and those who looked upon the vision never forgot the glory of God reflected there."

"His is an expectant face, for John says one of the joys of the new life is, 'They shall see His face.'"

Return to Kansas.

Elmer Walker and son, John, of Aurora, Kan., who have been visiting Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Walker, and Mrs. Walker's mother, Mrs. Mary J. Willhoyte, living near Maryville, left Monday afternoon for their home.

LIES, SAY GERMANS

RUSSIANS AND ALLIES DIDN'T WIN, IS ANNOUNCED.

TURKS BOMBARD CITY

Crimean Town of Sebastopol Is Target of Sultan's Navy—Say 50,000 Russ Mohammedans Mutiny.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The German staff today makes a denial of several reports of the allies relative to victories over the Teutons. The ones generally denied are as to Russian successes at Cracow and the one by the French as to having destroyed German batteries. London, via Constantinople, Dec. 15.

A Turkish official report is quoted as saying 50,000 Russian Mohammedans had mutined and threatened to work against the czar's campaign of war in south Russia.

The Turkish cruiser Maderli, formerly the Breslau, has bombarded Sebastopol, Crimea, in the Black Sea.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 15.—An explosion occurred in a coal mine at Fukuoka, as a result of which 800 laborers are imprisoned in the workings and may die. An effort is being made to get air and food to them.

ELECTS OFFICERS.

Owens Chapter, R. A. M., No. 96, Held Annual Election Monday Night—Banquet Served.

Owens chapter, R. A. M., No. 96, held its annual election of officers Monday evening and the following were chosen:

E. E. Williams, H. P. Dr. F. C. Wallis, king. J. E. Reece, scribe. Charles McNeal, captain of host. C. C. Hellmers, P. S. George B. Baker, treasurer. E. F. Hamlin, secretary.

After the election a fine supper was served by the women of the Eastern Star in the banquet hall.

MOTHER DIES IN WEST.

Gus King and Mrs. Joseph Myers Hear Parent Is Dead—Return Body.

Gus King of Clyde has received word that his mother died December 10, in Montana, where she had resided the last few years, or since leaving this county, several years ago. The body is expected to arrive in Clyde today, where funeral services will be held tomorrow. Mr. King went to Kansas City to accompany the body to this county. Burial will be in Conception cemetery.

Beside Gus King, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Myers, living south of Clyde, and several other sons and daughters living at a distance.

GRAHAM WOMAN DIES.

Funeral of Mrs. Charles Simpson Is Held This Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Gonia Simpson, wife of Charles Simpson of Graham, who died at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, was held at Graham at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Burial was in the Graham cemetery. Death was caused from dropsy. She is survived by a husband and several children.

Visits Ill Mother.

Miss Bertha Snapp left yesterday afternoon for Kansas City, after a prolonged visit with her mother, Mrs. John Snapp, East Seventh street, who has been ill with nervous breakdown for some time. She is reported as being slightly improved now.

On Friday evening, December 18, a program and box social will be given by the teacher and pupils of the Swallow school.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather and colder tonight; Wednesday fair and continued cold.

Auction Sale

DAILY

2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

[R. F. HOSMER AUCTIONEER]

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Christmas Bazaar

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Buchanan Street Methodist Church, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17 and 18.

Those who have given orders for candy please call at the church during the bazaar, where the orders will be delivered, unless otherwise provided for.

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NIGHT IN CELL A JOKE

Culmination of Youth Marriage at St. Joseph Pleases Harold Staples, Bride.

That the necessity of Harold Staples and Hazel Smith, now Mrs. Staples, of having to spend the first night of their marriage in the St. Joseph city jail, came not as a hardship to the youthful Maryville high school couple, is the conclusion drawn from the following in the St. Joseph Gazette:

"That it was mostly a joke, was young Harold Staples' explanation of why he and his youthful bride had to spend the first night of their honeymoon in Central Police station. He drew a mental chart of the joke as he stood in a restaurant yesterday and talked to a reporter over the telephone. The chart was a bit weak in places, but Staples declared the theory was sound even if the reporter could not quite get it.

Anyhow, all had become very lively, Staples said, and he then was engaged in eating his wedding breakfast in the

company of his bride, his newly acquired sister-in-law, Miss Ola Smith, and a man named Griffin, whose connection with the family was in the future tense.

"Miss Smith and Griffin had come down on the morning train from Maryville and had gone to the police station, where explanations were made and the young folks released, the maternal ire of Mrs. Smith having cooled off some since she had had the young honeymooners detained.

"Staples and his bride had been locked up at the request of Sheriff Edwin Wallace of Nodaway County, after they had been married by Rev. H. J. Sawyers at Savannah on a license obtained in St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Staples, the newly weds and Miss Ola Smith, Mrs. Staples' sister, and a friend have returned to Maryville and are now at the Smith home.

Endeavorers to Give Plays.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church of Pickering will give two plays at the church tonight to receive funds with which to conduct missionary and Christmas gift work. The plays are "The Golden Goblet" and "A Day at the Happy Hollow School House."

Livasy Leaves Prison Today.

Ross Livasy, a former Nodaway county resident, who was sentenced from Buchanan county in October, 1912, to serve five years in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City for forgery, was released from the prison today on a parole granted Saturday by Governor Major. Livasy has been paroled to George B. Baker of this city.

Whitten Fined \$25 for Gaming.

Morris Whitten, charged with gaming on two counts, appeared in circuit court yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty to one charge. He was fined \$25 and costs. Prosecuting Attorney Wright dismissed the other case against Whitten.

SERBS RETAKE CAPITAL CITY

Rout Austrian Armies and Again Occupy Belgrade.

ENEMY ADMITS BEING BEATEN

Official Communication Issued at Vienna Today of Forces Being Obligated to Retire—Dujic Says New Decision and Measures to Repel Foe.

WAR SUMMARY

Progress along the Vepres canal is noted in the latest French official war bulletin, although the climatic conditions are unfavorable to any extensive movement by the opposing forces on the battle front in Belgium and France. The Germans have repelled the attacks of the allies after violent fighting is reported.

The railway station at Commercy, in the department of the Meuse, has been bombarded by the German batteries from a great distance. Commercy lies about seven miles to the south of St. Mihiel.

The great armies of Germany and Russia are contending with all their strength for supremacy in Poland, but it is not expected any one engagement will give a decisive result either for one side or the other.

London, Dec. 15.—A Russian dispatch from Nish says the Serbians, after a fierce battle, have reconquered Belgrade. The Serbian capital was taken by the Austrians on Dec. 2, after a siege of several months. If this report proves true, the Serbians are apparently sweeping all before them.

The most striking feature of the day's official news is the candid admission by the Austrian government of the defeat of the Austrian army in Serbia and, incidentally, of the abandonment of its ill-fated attempt to invade the territory of its small Slav neighbor.

While attributing the failure to the enemy's superior force, as all government bulletins explain failures, the Austrian war office announces plainly an extended retreat and heavy losses.

"New despatches and measures consequently will be taken to meet the enemy," says the Austrian statement. Apparently that means that the Austrian army directed against Serbia will assume a defensive line.

War Indefinite.

The progress of the war in northern Hungary is less definite. The German wireless report, with (and equal to that of the Austrian bulletin) spoke of the "severe resistance" which the German and Austrian armies are encountering in south Poland and in Galicia, adding that it was evident the Austrian forces in the Carpathians are not numerically strong enough to chase the Russians out of Hungary territory.

But the Austrian claim that they are driving down the northern slopes of the Carpathians the Russian invaders who last week were in occupation of several towns south of the mountain range.

DELAY IN TRIAL OF ROSSI

Death of Mrs. Flavell Causes Postponing of Art Student's Hearing.

Florence, Dec. 15.—Owing to the death of Mrs. Mary R. Flavell in Chicago, the trial of Pietro Rossi, a Florentine art student, who is charged with having assaulted her, has been postponed. The case was set for the latter part of this month. Rossi is accused of having shot and robbed the elderly woman on board a train while she was journeying from Florence to Perugia, Italy, last May.

Stores Are Open Evenings.

Nearly all of the local stores are now open evenings and will be from now until Christmas. All of the merchants are looking forward to a good holiday trade, and have stocks complete in every detail. Many out-of-town people are already doing their shopping.

Coming for Holidays.

Miss Carrie Margaret Baker will return Saturday from Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Baker.

Get Permit to Wed.

A license to marry was granted this afternoon in the office of the recorder of deeds to William G. Benson, 34 years old, of Barnard, and Dorothy V. Stroder, 17 years old, of Barnard.

Here from St. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holmes and daughter, Mary Elsie, arrived Saturday night from St. Joseph to spend the week with Mr. Holmes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Holmes.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bell left Saturday night on a few days pleasure and business trip to Indianapolis, Ind.

BIGNODAWAYCROP

COUNTY SECOND IN STATE IN CORN YIELD.

LESS WHEAT ACREAGE

Northwest Missouri Output This Fall Decreases 1 Per Cent—Output Is Good.

More than \$1,000,000 worth of corn to the county is a record that Missouri

has made for the year 1914, according to returns compiled from official reports made to the secretary of the Missouri state board of agriculture.

The corn yield for the state is estimated at a little more than 175,000,000 bushels, or practically the same as the board's preliminary estimate made on September 1. This means that the Missouri farmer has this year grown about 42,000,000 bushels more of corn than he grew in 1913. The average yield for the last five years has been but 28,000,000 more than for the present year.

The board estimates the value of farm crops grown in Missouri this year at more than \$200,000,000, or \$9,000,000 in excess of the five year average. Had live stock, wool, dairy products, poultry, orchard and apiary products been included, it would have been seen that even in what has been counted a rather unfavorable year Missouri farm productions and sales have totaled not less than \$500,000,000.

Field Crops \$200,000,000.

The value of Missouri crops for the year 1914 is \$201,455,275, according to estimates based upon reports made by the board's official representatives in the 114 counties. The average crop value for the five-year period, 1909-13, has been \$192,155,000, with \$209,219,000 as the highest within this period. Corn carries the big figure for 1914, the value of the crop being placed at \$115,257,869. This represents an average price of 66 cents per bushel. A number of other crops show a decided increase in value, and some a gratifying gain in yield.

The state production of 175,158,000 bushels of corn, grown on 4,211,678 acres, represents a yield of 23.6 bushels per acre. The total yield for 1913 was 132,748,500 bushels, and the av-

erage yield per acre 17.6 bushels. The average yield for the last five-year period has been 203,462,000 bushels, or 26.9 bushels per acre. The highest yield for this period was in 1910, when the crop consisted of 252,472,000 bushels, with an acre yield of 32.4 bushels.

Good farming and a fairly favorable season in the northwestern part of the state and along the western border made possible the yields for 1914.

Northwest Best Section.

The largest acreage and heaviest yield was in the northwest section, where 2,380,393 acres produced 60,521,351 bushels of corn, the yield per acre being 25.1 bushels. Here the price is figured at 64 cents, and the total value at \$38,927,667.

Individual counties making heaviest yields of corn are mainly in the northwest section, where Atchison leads with 5,715,279 bushels. Nodaway is next with 4,828,600 bushels, and Andrew follows with 4,215,364 bushels. Corn gathering has progressed satisfactorily. It is estimated that 73 per cent of the crop had been harvested by December 1. The quality is below the average, being placed at 79. There is much wormy corn.

Wheat Acreage Increased.

The board of agriculture estimates the 1914 wheat yield at 25,823,591 bushels, harvested from 2,156,637 acres. This represents a yield of 17.1 bushels per acre, which is the same as the preliminary estimate made at the time of harvesting. The value of the crop, figured at the December 1 price of a fraction less than \$1 per bushel, is \$25,835,481.

The acreage and yield of wheat, by sections, is: Northeast, 578,435 acres; 6,540,513 bushels; average yield, 17 bushels. Northwest, 294,101 acres; 7,074,631 bushels; average yield, 17.9 bushels. Central, 482,218 acres; 8,215,710 bushels; average yield 17 bushels.

KIMONOS

Have you seen those beautiful silk accordion pleated two-piece kimonos just arrived.

These make handsome Xmas gifts at
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MARYVILLE MO.

The busy store with little prices

Southwest, 455,736 acres; 8,411,849 bushels; average yield, 18.5 bushels. Southeast, 448,147 acres; 6,606,807 bushels; average yield, 14.9 bushels.

The new wheat crop shows an increase of 1 per cent in acreage. This means a total of 2,380,393 acres. The largest increase is in the southeast section, where 12 per cent more ground has been put in wheat. The northwest section shows a decrease of 4 per cent. The condition of the growing plant is 85.4 for the state. Owing to heavy rains during the seeding season, much wheat went in very late and is not in the best condition to go through a severe winter. There is considerable complaint of Hessian fly in the early wheat.

Oat Yield Is Reduced.
The estimate for the 1914 oat crop shows a yield of 18,534,533 bushels grown on 803,144 acres. This is an average yield of 23.8 bushels for the state. By sections, the yield was: Northeast, 14.8 bushels; northwest, 25.6; central, 18.5; southwest, 27; southeast, 15.5. At 42 cents per bushel the crop represents a value of \$7,839,310. The shortage of oats was due to unfavorable weather conditions which caused about one-fourth of the crop to be pastured or cut for hay.

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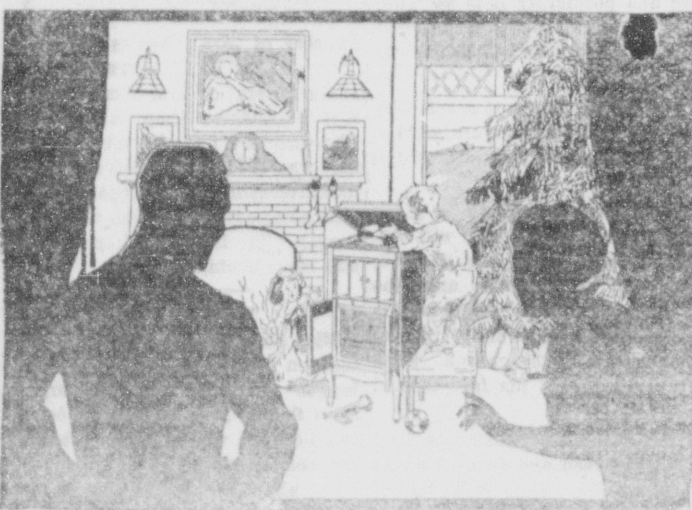
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HAPPINESS is the greatest gift which Christmas brings, and it is so easy to carry happiness to everybody that knows us. Often the simplest and most inexpensive gift carries a delightful message of good will and friendship. Send as little as you will, but send SOMETHING to all.

Our store is filled with attractive and desirable things, and the gift you seek may cost as little as you desire. The beautiful and elaborate things are here, as well as the serviceable and practical gifts. Here also are the toys and trinkets that bring joy to the hearts of the little folks. But there is not a day to be lost if Christmas is to be comfortable for you and happy for your household and friends.

Start making your selection tomorrow before the last rush and hurry begins



Bring the Girls and Boys to the Jolly Toy Store

This is the month we LIVE FOR! Who is too old to thrill with the joy of childhood as he stands among these hundreds of playthings and recalls the painted soldiers and the engine and cars of childhood days?

Bring in the little folks, and perhaps you'll have as happy an hour as they will.

All the favorites are here, and every device under the sun to make young folks happy. It is marvelous how little those joy-makers cost.

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It caters to that large class of people which recognizes that economy is virtue, and yet at the same time declines to accept shoddy goods at any price. To this store come the great majority of people, satisfied that nowhere in this vicinity can they be better served.

The reputation of our chain of stores has been built upon this sturdy rock, and the confidence of the public in us for UTMOST VALUE-GIVING has never been endangered.

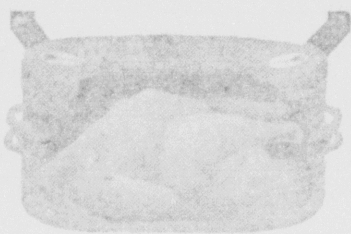
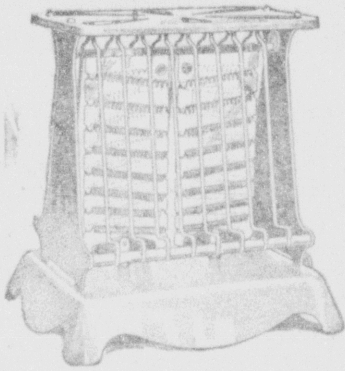
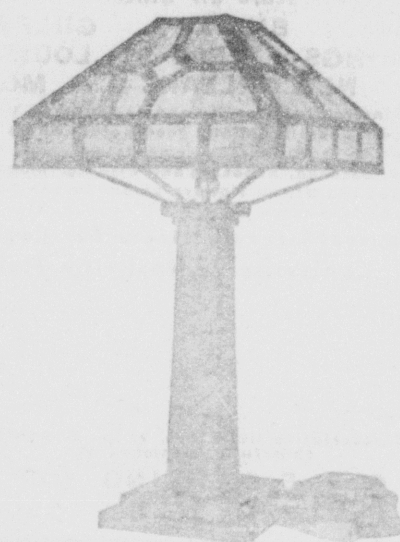


The Stage Is Set for a Busy Time at the Graham-Latimer Co. Store

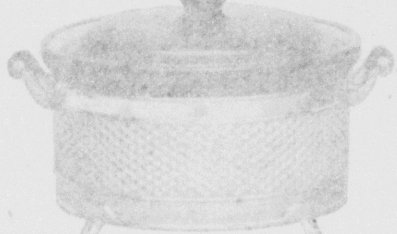
Our large assortment of holiday goods never fails to attract great crowds of Christmas shoppers. We've been mighty busy the past few weeks, but we've still got a dandy assortment and we'll have plenty of clerks to wait on you.

A Few Practical Christmas Suggestions

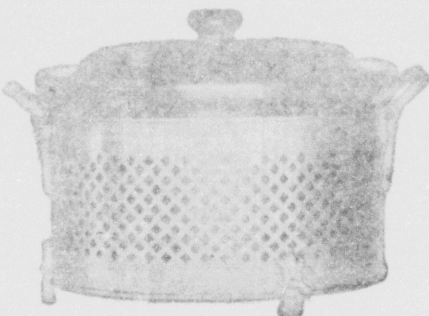
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CASSEROLES with nickel plated brass service, in Aluminum or White and Golden Brown. If you like the best possible to be obtained in oven dainties buy a **Casserole**.



Boys

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West Side Hardware

Men's Chinchilla Overcoats

\$15.00

Splendidly tailored coats of genuine Milbrook all-wool Chinchilla made in single breasted styles, with shawl collar, 50-inch length, belted back, with fine serge lining and Skinner's guaranteed satin sleeves. All are hand tailored, cut full and roomy and come in colors Blue and Oxford, sizes 35 to 42. It's an unequalled opportunity to buy now for Christmas and there's a saving of \$5.00 while this lot lasts. We have some splendid all-wool Cassimere Overcoats in same style. On sale this week at \$10.00 and \$12.50.

Corwin-Murrin Clothing Co

Returns to Pueblo.

Miss Esther Saunders, who has been the guest of Joseph Jackson, Sr.; Mr.

and Mrs. Joseph Jackson, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Colby, left Monday morning for her home in Pueblo, Col.

ONCE A MIGHTY CITY.

Ypres, in Belgium, Was Famous When Berlin Was a Hamlet.

The little Belgian town of Ypres, in Belgium, in the history of its greatness and prosperity, ranked as high in the nineteenth century as Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and other big cities do today. Indeed, it was a special city, which, in its day, was a metropolis of half a continent.

It was in the days of the commercial greatness of Venice that Ypres attained the summit of its prosperity. It was an important distributing center for the trade which came in through the Adriatic by boat, was carried overland and then watered from Belgium to England, France, Holland, Germany and other countries. It also had great manufactures, and in the fourteenth century its population exceeded 200,000, making it one of the largest cities in Europe. Ghent and Bruges, its near neighbors, were no less prosperous. With the changing of the trade routes of Europe the wealth and population of Ypres disappeared until it has now less than 20,000 people.

When one reads of the rise and decline of these communities which flourished long before America was discovered it is interesting to speculate whether the same fate will overtake our own cities. Who can tell? To us their foundation seems substantial, but doubtless the worthy burghers of Ypres thought the same of their beloved city 200 years ago—Philadelphia Record.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

KAISER FEVERISH; OPERATION DELAYED

Alarming Report's Current About Condition of Emperor.

London, Dec. 15.—Telegraphing from Bern, Switzerland, a correspondent of the Central News says:

"A telegram received here from Munich states that it has been decided to operate on Emperor William's throat, but the operation is being deferred, owing to the feverish condition of the emperor."

"Reports more or less alarming of the illness of Emperor William have been in circulation for several days past. His majesty returned to Berlin some distance from the front, and it was then variously reported that he was suffering from influenza, catarrh of the throat and nervous breakdown. The latter part of last week the reports had a more hopeful tone and it was said that he was recovering and soon would be able to go to the front again."

AMERICAN RATION UP

War Making Expenses of United States Army Higher.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The cost of the American ration has increased to such an extent on account of the European war that it will cost \$1.50 more to feed the soldiers during the coming year than during the present year. Even the price of horse food has so increased that \$100,000 more must be paid next year for army forage than this year.

These are some of the results of the war affecting the army. The navy also is affected. The war freight rate have made it impossible for the navy to meet out of its appropriations the cost of sending coal to its various stations. Congress will be asked to authorize the use of the money ordinarily spent in paying freight rates on coal for the maintenance of naval coaling stations to be used instead of commercial vessels for this purpose.

Three Hanged by Maytorena's Men. Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 15.—Jesus Arvizu, president of Fronteras, Sonora, is reported to have been hanged, along with two others, following the capture of Fronteras by Maytorena's troops. It is said that Arvizu refused to flee with other Carranza officials.

Crook Smarter Than Cop, Says Chief. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—"The modern crook is a high class criminal, who outwits the ordinary policeman in brain a city block," D. Augustin White, chief of police, told a delegation from the Civic League of Improvement clubs.

Stock Market Open For All Issues.

New York, Dec. 15.—An open market for all stocks on the floor of the New York Stock exchange was created today.

KINGS OF SCANDINAVIA WILL DISCUSS THE WAR

Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—By invitation of King Gustaf of Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and King Frederick of Denmark will visit him at Malmo, southern Sweden, Friday and Saturday, to discuss matters arising out of the war.

A Petrograd dispatch says that the systematic attempts on the part of Germany to force Sweden into the German camp has led the Stockholm cabinet to consult with Denmark and Norway regarding a joint formula for guaranteeing their position and independence.

Condition Remains Unchanged.

Henry and Ed Houston of Stanberry, who came Sunday evening on account of the illness of their brother-in-law, Dr. G. A. Nash, returned to their homes Monday. Dr. Nash's condition remains about the same Tuesday.

A solid gold pin, set with a genuine cut diamond, will be given away at both afternoon and evening sales at Raines Bros. Tuesday and Wednesday.

SOCIETY AND CLUBLAND

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At Home.

Mrs. N. F. Humber is at home in her new residence on West Fourth street.

Will Meet with Mrs. Catterson.

The Penelope club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Omar Catterson, on North Main street. The meeting was to have been held Wednesday afternoon, but was put off until the following day.

Entertain at Bowling.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Chandler entertained with a line party at the Empire theater, followed by a bowling party at the Yeo alleys and luncheon, Monday night. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bellows, Miss Clara Sturm, Miss Helen Wright, Harvey L. Haines, Lawrence Schumacher and Dr. D. J. Thomas.

Entertains Club.

Miss Della Grems was the hostess at a regular meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club this afternoon. The guests included Mrs. Karl Matlotte and Miss Lenore Schumacher, and the club members are Mrs. Fay Bellows, Mrs. William Wallis, Jr., Mrs. George B. Baker, Mrs. M. L. Beattie, Mrs. Ralph Eversole, Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Miss May-Oscar, Miss Clara Sturm and the hostess.

Give Birthday Surprise.

Quite a number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Lucinda Hood, living southeast of Pickering, Sunday, to bring her sixtieth birthday. It was a surprise well planned and carried out, each going with well filled baskets.

The crowd consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chance Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. James Lett, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pistole, Mr. and Mrs. Will Lett, Mrs. Mattie Lawson, Mrs. Mary House, Mrs. Bertha Jones of Baker, S. D.; Lillian, Stella and Velma Lawson, Christal Copeland, Blanch Alexander, Lerita Lett, George and Marion Lawson, Harold and Harry Copeland, Alva and Forrest Lett, Robert Liddell, Glennie Jones, Roe Miller, Orval Kelley, Charley Hood and Grace Hood.

Keep a Firm Hand on the Tiller.

The sails of every one's emotions—the rubbers are our characters. The sails are fastened upon by gusts of passion, of affection and indignation, of hope and love and of hate. They are torn by sudden gusts of passion. We are blown hither and yon by conflict of quarreling whips, driven from our course by angry squalls. The only force by means of which we can counter the effect of the winds and hold our course is the rubber of character.

We know that we shall be blown upon all our lives by various influences, good and bad, that our emotions—those white sails that respond to every breeze—will be played upon by every human agent and desire. What will become of the craft that has not a firm hand on the tiller? Youth's Companion.

Relics of Old Persia.

Shuster, the old capital of Persia, is one of Iran's wonder cities. In the dawn of Persian civilization it took a leading part. On the bank of the only navigable river the country can boast, the city gets its name from the famous ruler, Shapur, who built great irrigation dams and a noble bridge across the Kurum, now wrongly credited to the Emperor Valerian. Sixteen hundred years have left the great bridge, a quarter of a mile in length, with yawning gaps, but the water of the river runs today through the channels and tunnels made to fertilize a land that had not yet been overrun by the Arab barbarians who destroyed the culture of Persia.—London Mail.

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PRESENTS FOR ALL

At Our Christmas Store

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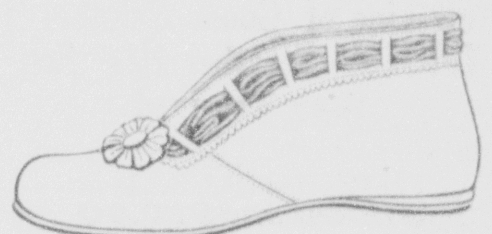
Gifts for Baby

You will be delighted with the unusual assemblage of things suitable for Christmas Gifts for the baby. The Stork department is just full to overflowing with almost everything for baby's comfort. Here is a list of a few of the many things you will find in this department.

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| Birth Announcements | Booters | Celluloid and Bone Baby |
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| Rubber Animals | Rubber Rattles | Satin Lined Gift Boxes and |
| Floating Dolls | Teething Rings | Baskets with Fittings |
| Carriage Ornaments | Baby Combs | Toilet Novelties |
| Hot Water Bags | Nursing Bottles | Safety Pin Holders |
| Feeding Bibs | Jewel and Trinket Boxes | Bib Holders |
| Stocking and Shirt Drying | Frames | Ribbon Cases |
| | | Armbands |
| | | Wristlets |
| | | Leglets |
| | | Carriage Straps |
| | | Satin Ribbon Coat Hangers |
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In fact, anything you could want for the baby's comfort and amusement, and you will be surprised how reasonable these items are.

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Make Gifts That Will Be Appreciated

Our assortment of comfort slippers is simply beyond comparison. We have them in Red, Navy, Baby Blue, Goblin Blue, Nell Rose, Pink, Brown, Maroon, Black, Gray, Taupe and Purple. These are of good quality felt, fancy trimmed, comfy wool padded soles and leather soles with low heels. Some with fur trimming and others fancy ribbon trimmed. Also a beautiful breakfast boot of fine quality felt in Nell Rose with gray collar ribbon trimmed. Values in Comfy Slippers from the infants at 50c to the best quality in ladies at

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"Continued cold" is the forecast, so prepare for it. The goods we list below will keep you warm and comfortable.

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Heavy Underwear, Knit Hoods
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Members starting with 5 cents and increasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks, get \$63.75	Members starting with \$1.00 and decreasing 2 cents each week for fifty weeks, get \$25.50	Members paying 25 cents a week fixed, for fifty weeks, get \$12.50
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Hundreds of Thousands in Russian and Teuton Armies.

COUNTRY A SECOND BELGIUM.

Cities Sacked and Civilians Slaughtered. While Both Sides Make Charges of Atrocities—Main Issue in War Zone Unchanged.

London, Dec. 15.—Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering, while the opposing armies drive each other back and forth, occupy and reoccupy cities and villages and inflict losses upon the inhabitants by bombardments similar to those suffered in Belgium and northern France.

More than 500 Polish towns have been ruined, according to accounts from the correspondents. Each army accuses the other of looting and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Lodz was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while one correspondent pictures the fate of Kalisz as a repetition of Louvain, with the slaughter of 400 civilians and the sacking of the city.

A distressing feature of the fighting in Poland lies in the fact that the blood kindred are pitted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Russian ranks and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans and Austrians.

The Germans claim a distinct gain in their position in northern Poland, although they are not believed to be as near the city of Warsaw as the report indicated. On the other hand the Russians announce a strategic realignment of their forces in that field which strengthens their position.

The Austrians announced that they have reoccupied the important point of Dukla, to the north of Przemyśl and Cracow, but nearer to the former with the capture of 9,000 prisoners.

Main Issue Unchanged.

The main issue in the eastern theater of the war—whether the German and Austrian armies by the German operation in northern and central Poland and the American advance across the Carpathians will shake the Russian grip from the Przemysl and Cracow fortresses—remains unchanged.

The day has shown no important development in the western theater. The French war office reports artillery engagements, in which they had the better of the Germans, and small advances at various points in the north, but no change in the main line of the front. The German bulletins deny these claims, however.

Suffering in Trenches.

The troops in France and Belgium are suffering from a plague of mud and damp, which causes them greater discomfort than did the cold wave at the end of November, with its positive hardships of frozen feet and hands and effectually vetoes any movements of a big scale.

The Turkish army has not asserted itself, nor has it engaged in any great battle. Enver Pasha has taken command of the Caucasian army and Talaat Bey has succeeded him as minister of war. A report comes from Turkey of growing hostility to both foreign and native Christians in that country, which may lead to attacks upon them.

British Steamer Believed Total Loss

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—The British steamer *Isle of Iona*, which went ashore one mile south of Cape Hatteras inlet, is believed to be a total loss. The twenty-seven men of its crew were quartered in the Hatteras lifesaving station. The *Isle of Iona* was bound from Cuba to Baltimore with iron ore.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Closing Quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Closing prices: Wheat—Dec. 15, \$1.18; May, \$1.21 1/4. Corn—Dec. 63c; May, 69 1/2c. Oats—Dec. 47 1/2c; May, 51c. Pork—Jan. \$18.10; May, \$18.60. Lard—Jan. \$9.80; May, \$10.07 1/2. Eggs—Jan. \$9.87 1/2; May, \$10.20. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.18 1/4; No. 2 yellow corn, new, 63 1/2c; No. 3 white oats, 48 1/2c; standard, 50 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts 42,000; slow, native steers, \$5.50@10.80; westerns, \$5.15@8.15; cows and heifers, \$3.10@8.25; calves, \$6.25@9.50. Hogs—Receipts, 52,000; steady; bulk of sales, \$6.90@7.10; light, \$6.45@7.10; mixed, \$6.60@7.15; heavy, \$6.55@7.15; rough, \$6.60@7.10; pigs, \$5.67. Sheep—Receipts, 38,000; weak; sheep, \$5.21@6.50; yearlings, \$6.50@7.60; lambs, \$6.50@8.50.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,800; 15c@25c lower; beef steers, \$7.50@10.75; cows and heifers, \$4.50@8.50; stockers and feeders, \$6.45@8.25; bulls, \$5.40@7.10; calves, \$7.00@9.50. Hogs—Receipts, 5,200; steady; bulk of sales, \$6.90@7.10; light, \$6.45@7.10; mixed, \$6.60@7.15; heavy, \$6.55@7.15; rough, \$6.60@7.10; pigs, \$5.67. Sheep—Receipts, 38,000; weak; sheep, \$5.21@6.50; yearlings, \$6.50@7.60; lambs, \$6.50@8.50.

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FOR SALE—No. 9 Favorite bass

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FOR SALE—Poland-China boards, el

igible to record and vaccinated, good

size and quality. M. C. Thompson,

phone 48-16. 19-17

FOR SALE—Car of Swifts digester

tankage. At Burlington tracks. Prices

right. See us before you buy. Chil

dress & Co. 2-17

FOR SALE—White Orpington cock

ers, English strain. W. A. Rhodes,

phone Ravenwood. 12-10

FOR SALE—At Cook's produce

house, S. C. R. I. Reds at 75c each.

Phone Farmers 411. 12-10

FOR SALE—Light Brahma cockerels

MRS. J. F. ROELOFFSON, opposite the

greenhouse, Maryville, Mo. 30-17

FOR SALE—60 acres well improved,

2 1/2 miles S. E. Arkoe. For price and

terms see owner on premises. M. A.

LOGAN, Barnard R. 3. 12-1mo.

FOR SALE—Duroc Jersey boars,

March farrow. Hanamo 51F, Robert

Powell. 10-21.

FOR SALE—Big boned fancy Barred

Plymouth Rock cockerels. Mrs. Al

Heflin, Wilcox. Farmers phone 31-16

Maryville. 15-18

FOR SALE OR TRADE—15 acres 2

miles from Escanaba, Cal., also dwell

ing house and lot in Los Angeles. Cal.

Inquire J. J. Lacy, route 5, Maryville,

Mo. 11-19

FOR SALE—Duroc males and gilts;

S. C. B. Leghorn cockerels. Phone

Barnard 27-10. E. E. Bolin, route 4.

14-16

FOR SALE—Choice Barred Rock

cockerels, \$1.00 each. Fletcher Dal

bey, Maryville, phone 30-13. 14-16

FOR SALE—Medium sized safe, al

most new. Can be seen at the P. Mer

gen store, on North Main. A. L. Nash.

14-19

Miscellaneous.

LOST—Locket and chain, letter B on

locket; between North Main and H.

Edward place. Phone 5371 or return

to Democrat-Forum. 12-15

FOUND—Two suits of underwear.

Owner may have suits by calling at

Democrat-Forum and paying for this

ad. 15-17

DON'T RENT A ROOM until you see

the large, neatly furnished, modern

rooms at 312 West Fifth street. 15-17

WANTED—Married man, experi

enced in farming, wants position at

once on farm by year. 620 South Fill

more, Maryville, Mo. 15-17

WOOD—Sawed oak wood, \$5 a cord

delivered, and coal. Phone 6229, Par

tridge & McLain. 4-31

Will have a car of No. 1 Upland

prairie hay, at \$12 per ton, on track.

11. R. S. BRANIGER.

MOZINGO VALLEY ITEMS.

The farmers are busy getting their

sleds in running order with the ar

ival of snow.

Basel Wiley is ill.

Mrs. Bertha Jones of Baker, S. D.,

was visiting at Mr. Lon Stone's this

week.

John Reed lost a valuable mare

Sunday night.

The evangelistic meetings closed at

the Moxingo Valley church Saturday

night, as the evangelist had to go

home. They will start again in Janu

ary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones were shop

ping in Maryville Monday.

A number of Moxingo Valley women

served lunch at T. B. Wray's sale

Thursday. The receipts were \$15.40.

George David and James Lett sold

and delivered cattle at Pickering Mon

day.

James Jones of Pickering visited

with his brother, Edward Jones, Sat

urday and Sunday.

Glade Wiley, who is attending the

Normal at Maryville, visited at her

home, northeast of Pickering, Satur

day and Sunday.

BRITISH WARSHIPS ON TRAIL OF DRESDEN

Two English Vessels Enter
Straits of Magellan.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15.—The minis

ter of marine has been informed that

two British warships have entered the

Straits of Magellan in pursuit of the

German cruiser Dresden, which has

taken refuge at Punta Arenas.

It is officially announced that the

Dresden is damaged. It will be al

lowed to make repairs, but will be

compelled to sail immediately after

ward or else be interned.

Armored German Merchantman Taken.

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—It is reported here

that the German armed merchantman

Oxford has been captured by the Brit

ish in the Indian ocean and that the

German converted cruiser Cormorant

has entered the harbor of Guam, in the

Ladrone archipelago.

Albert Stoneburner to James H. and

William Bogue, dated Nov. 2, 1914,

covering lots 1, 2, 3, 17 and 18, block 1.

Ravenwood, for \$1,600.

Baxter Woodbridge to Stephen D.

Large, dated Sept. 2, 1911, covering

part lots 5 and 6, block 27, Hopkins,

for \$10,000.

Baxter Woodbridge to Aden F. Large,

dated Sept. 2, 1911, covering part lots 5

and 6, block 27, Hopkins, for \$1,000.

White Cloud Lodge, No. 92, I. O. O.

F., to Jesse L. Fisher, dated Sept. 5,

1913, covering S 1/2 lot 5, block 46, first

addition to Miriam cemetery, for

\$37.50.

A solid gold pin, set with a genuine

cut diamond, will be given away at

both afternoon and evening sales at

Raines Bros. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Read Democrat-Forum want ads.

SHAM BATTLE FOUGHT WITH REAL BULLETS

Washington, Dec. 15.—A sham bat

tle with real cartridges in place of

the usual blanks was staged by Brig

adier General Pershing, down in Texas